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Hi folks, another 2 month go by and I struggle yet again to get the newsletter out on time. I have had a number of minor complaints about this, but, when you are the editor, printer, collator, postman for it and it takes me on average most of the 2 months to put the newsletter together, then there are bound to be times when the newsletter is not always out on time (Around the 15th of every other month). Please bear with me, as the newsletter is a one man band and I would rather get it right the first time round and rather rush it.

I have now published the SUFOG mobile hotline. Please only phone it in an emergency, and between 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Better still, please text me with any news etc that you wish to make me aware of. If you ring, I cannot say if I can answer it, due to the nature of my work and working conditions at the time. Therefore, a text would be easier for me to reply to. Also, if you put it on your mobile and we do have another organised sky watch soon (November/December in the New Forest), if we have the problem of people losing contact, then we have a contact point for everyone.

SUFOG has had a couple of UFO reports this past two months and details are included in the

newsletter. Nothing dramatic, BUT, if it isn't reported to us, then we do not know what is going on up there in that vast expanse of space. Even if the sighting seems insignificant to you, please still contact us either by e.mail or post with the full descriptive details of the sighting(s). Who knows, someone down the road may have seen the same thing that you have seen. I cannot express how important this is as we seem to be going through a period of UFO reports.

A bit of News for those that will not be at our next meeting. On the 28th August on Southampton TV (Sorry if you live outside the area or cannot receive the signal), I will be appearing on a program called "Honey I'm home" that is broadcast at 17:30 hrs and I will be appearing with Craig Roberts who runs the UFO collage course, at Totton Collage. Don't know much more detail, but no doubt if you blink, you will miss it!

This issue sees a number of articles contributed by group members from around the world and more to come in the next issue. There is a look at the groups annual sky watch down in Wiltshire, where we yet again saw another UFO during a watch in this

neck of the woods. Ernie Sears reviews both magazines and newspaper articles (Please, if you see anything in your local newspapers, please send us a copy), and also he looks at a period of not missing time, but gaining time !!! I take a look at the mysterious Orbs, and especially a photograph taken at the Leeds 2002 UFO Conference evening meal, where in one photo over 20 orbs appear all over the photograph. I have Russel Callahan's (UFO Magazine) comment on this and I draw my own conclusions (SUFOG is currently investigating this mysterious phenomenon). And there's more, but why not read on. There are a number of events coming up throughout October 2003 and you will find all the details contained within the newsletter. Why not come along to group meetings and show your support of the group. Without you, SUFOG cannot survive.

**BBC Web Site - 30th June 2003.****A former US security policeman has said he was responsible for strange lights in a forest which sparked claims of a UFO sighting.**

He said a patrol car - and not a UFO - was to blame for strange lights which have sparked two decades of debate.

A number of Air Force men said they saw an object in Rendlesham Forest in Suffolk in the early hours of 27 December, 1980.

Reports said the "UFO" was transmitting blue pulsating lights and sending nearby farm animals into a "frenzy".

But more than 20 years later, Kevin Conde has said he and another airman shined patrol car lights through the trees and made noises on the loudspeaker as a prank on a security guard at nearby RAF Woodbridge in Suffolk.

**'Very strange place'**

Mr. Conde said: "It was fertile ground for a practical joke, and practical jokes are a tradition in the security police.

"We just drove through the forest flashing the lights through the fog.

"It wasn't a UFO, it was a 1979 Plymouth Volare."

Mr. Conde was stationed elsewhere shortly after the incident, and he had no idea his hoax was responsible for the Rendlesham UFO myth, which led to requests for information from the Ministry of Defense and the US government.

The mystery of the lights has continued for 23 years.

Brenda Butler, a local resident, said: "It was definitely a craft, because we've seen craft down here.

"Rendlesham is a very strange place - it's like a doorway opening from another

dimension."

Despite Mr. Conde's admission, some witnesses do not believe they saw patrol car lights that night in Rendlesham Forest.

US Air Force Sergeant John Burroughs said: "The blue lights coming down from the sky... I still have never heard of any technology capable of doing what I saw happening."

"The original stuff we saw cannot be taken for a police car. There's no way possible."

(I wonder if the Rendlesham case will ever be put to rest. With more and more people coming out of the woodwork after the event and the government with holding vital documentary evidence, only time will tell and I am afraid that for some, time is running out... Steve Gerrard - editor)

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**Obituary...**

It is with a sense of sadness to hear that a good friend and researcher Victor Kean passed away unexpectedly on the 6th July whilst on holiday. Victor lived in Berlin (Germany) and was a very active researcher into the subject of the FT's (Flying Triangles) mystery.

Over the years, we had exchanged reports and sightings going back a number of years prior to us knowing each other. We corresponded for a number of years and we got to know each other very well. We have not corresponded for the past year or so, but we had kept in touch via slow mail mainly and exchange some very interesting material. He also had built his own data base of FT (Flying Triangle) reports from all around the world dating back to the 1950's and 1960's. I hope that some will carry on with his research and keeping the data base up and running other wise we will lose a great deal of research material.

The major UFO researchers before my time are gradually passing into what we hope is a better world and certainly I will miss my contact with Victor Kean the FT man. (Steve Gerrard)

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## **Hampshire Crop Circle Formations.**

### **2003.**

#### **20th April : Privett**

A figure '8' shape in a circle. 146' dia. The crop has risen up almost completely. Oilseed rape

#### **5th July : A34 Beacon Hill, nr Litchfield**

A curved triad design around a flattened circle with three equidistant smaller circles on the perimeter.

#### **7th July : Henwood, nr East Meon**

A large triangle with a star formed from crossed paths in the center. Found in Wheat

#### **9th July : Litchfield**

A four pointed star with a spiral in the center. In between each point is an additional circular design. Pretty rough looking from the air.

#### **18th July : A342 near Weyhill. on junction to penton mewsey road**

It is a large circle with a pointed star shape inside surrounded by several eye/circle designs. because it is not on a footpath but near the road it is hard to make out the full shape.

#### **20th July : West Tistead, north of The Meon Hut**

Looks like four joined circles with some form of design in the middle. The farmer has requested that people DO NOT enter this formation without permission. Please respect his wishes!

#### **23rd July : Stephen's Castle Down, nr Corhampton**

A single circle approx 50' dia. in Wheat.

## **Group Member Bill Coones...**

Hello to all: Writing to tell everyone about our latest trip here in England. Arrived the 18th on a very strong tailwind and made it from Chicago to London in 6 hours and 40 minutes. The fastest yet is just 10 minutes less than that. The humidity really hit me as I got out from underground at the main bus station at Heathrow. Everything went very well and I didn't even get chewed out by the bus driver for having two big bags. It is kind of a toss up whether I will have to accept an obligatory scolding, since the baggage standard here is one medium size bag and not two whoppers weighing 60 pounds each. After that hurdle I knew everything was AOK. Arrived to meet my sweethearts arms in Westbourne and we drove home to our flat and on our way looked at an Elddis Nipper which we bought for cash and asked the man to drive it to our home. Whew! A lot of money in a paper bag and a new motor-home (used to me is new) in our parking lot just waiting to be driven. It has a tiny engine (995 cc) kind of like a large motorcycle engine on a harley. Anyway it gets 40mpg and will go 55mph downhill.

Our first outing was to Avebury to look at the crop circles. We arrived at The Red Lion pub there and stopped for a while to find SUFOG members (Southampton UFO Group) to go on a skywatch later that night. The meeting was not to be and we headed west to the Crop Circle Cafe on the road to Calne at Cherhill. Upon approaching the building a gracious man (John Woolard) met us and asked if we were old hands or new to crop circles. I said that we saw some last year so we must be old hands. He was writing a book we later discovered and had quite a lot of experience on the subject. He volunteered to lead us to one later. We met the new owner and she talked a bit to us. She was very busy and had a lot of work to do, but I mentioned that we had some video of UFOs at Mt Adams and she wanted to see them. So I set up our DVD player and TV and gave a little show of some of what we had.

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# *Alien Abductions*

## *Fact or Fantasy?*



**Charlton Church Hall**  
**Nr. Andover, Hampshire**

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*Wednesday 15th October 2003*

*7.30 - 10.00pm*

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*Speaker: Derrel Sims from Houston, Texas*

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Dear All,

This issue I am about to address is so important that I should personally be talking to each and everyone of you. Nothing has moved me to type words as much as what I am about to relate to you all. Not only is the following vitally important and needs to be said, but each and everyone of us has to look at ourselves (maybe to a less or major degree in the issues I am about to raise).

O.K.

For far too long now Britain's leading UFO Research association BUFORA, (The British UFO Research Association) has taken flak from many quarters of the UFO Community, admittedly I have to put my hand up to doing the same, yes me, someone who was on BUFORA council, I was their press officer and did their postal training course in Scotland as well as their UFOcall. BUFORA has went through many changes over the years, with personnel coming and going, new blood coming in, and sadly old blood dieing, (Arnold West, Robin Lindsay to name but a few) These guys were stalwarts of not only BUFORA but British UFOlogy as a whole, they probably did more for UFO research than most UFOlogists put together.

Nobody should expect or imagine that any UFO society runs smoothly. There are faults at every club, but the one thing about BUFORA is that by God did they try, and are still trying to ensure that people get to know what's going on in the skies above the British Isles. There have been certain individuals so called UFOlogists, and I won't even mention them by name giving them status, who have more or less made it a campaign to destroy the very fabric of this proud Association. (You Know Who You Are) Why of why do these people do this !! Are they jealous ! Is nothing on TV to watch for them that they go to their computer and attack again. It seems that everywhere you look people are attacking BUFORA.

My partner/girlfriend Judith Jaafar is now taking the vast brunt of these attacks and some might say well you are only defending your girlfriend Malc. It's more than that folks....Things need to be said, people need to be accountable. It's just not on anymore. Judy Jaafar ran the witness support group for BUFORA with Ken Phillips for many years, and in that time both she and Ken gave wonderful comfort to witnesses who were traumatised by their UFO experiences. Judy has spent countless hours out with these groups in the homes of these people sitting holding their hands, (One case she was on she was sitting in the



home of a witness where the husband had a loaded shotgun and threatened to do harm ) she was terrified but still she sat trying to calm the situation down and bring hope to what slowly was turning out to be a possible tragic situation.

And she gets people saying BUFORA do nothing for the witnesses, how completely and utterly absurd. If people only knew the real story of what BUFORA were and ARE doing they would quickly change their minds. Are there really people out there who think that the coins in their pocket have only a head !!!!! I'm saying there are two sides to a story a head and a tail, yet certain so called British UFOlogists only wear blinkers and look at the one side. BUFORA not only have worked on a witness support group, their research over the years Men In Black Research (Rob Bull,) Gloria Dixon's research over the years. John Spencer's sterling work to name but a few. How about those wonderful BUFORA conferences in the 1980's early 1990's if you weren't there then by Christ you should have been, they were fantastic. Much work was done by BUFORA officers putting them on.

For UFOlogy to progress, we must look at ourselves, offer support to one another assist in research, help the smaller groups. No one is better than anyone else. UFOlogy is in a pretty dire way these days anyway, attendances are falling at conferences, just a few die hard folk are putting lectures on. The nuts and bolts believers in UFOlogy don't want to hear an alternative view, and when BUFORA or Judy offer it, then are shot down in flames. Of course there could be Extraterrestrials, but shouldn't we look elsewhere first !! Or is it a case of pass the blinkers again it's time for a BUFORA bash.

I am at fault here as well, very much so, and I am now eating humble pie. There is no need for people to humiliate any society for the wanten sake of it. I'm sure this e-mail will cause certain people to put pen to paper or fingers to keyboard.

Guy's let's wake up now. BUFORA deserve better, their committee deserve better. BUFORA are currently going through a transition period, a time where things are changing again. BUFORA are even asking those who throw stones against them, to speak at their conferences.....Why !!!!! Well because they too have a voice.....they too have a right to be heard. BUFORA will never silence anyone under the right of freedom of speech.

I believe that BUFORA after the upcoming changes, will be a major force here in the UK. Judith Jaafar and Gloria Dixon are two women with vision, purpose and a desire to get to the truth. All they have ever done, is be there for the witnesses, be there for the cases. Judy has spent countless hours on the PC replying to many witnesses, (I should know) and all she and Gloria get are shit from people who should know better.

I ask each and every one of you to appreciate the sterling work of BUFORA and to understand that in this life nothing is cut and dried. There are many people in BUFORA council (and ex council members) who have as I said before, put an enormous amount of work into the Association, at their own costs, their own time and still they get abuse from people who should know better.

The Editor of our new SPI magazine Brian James (of which I have no proof reading control over) mentioned in the latest issue about certain aspects of BUFORA which itself was a follow on from Southampton's Ernie Sears who stirred the pot of BUFORA bashing when he said that BUFORA are not really interested in witnesses. Brian and I can ensure that there will be no future references to BUFORA in the mag, the mag will solely be for UFO & Paranormal research. I don't want anyone to get the impression that we at SPI are 'BUFORA Bashing' It was not intended, but has come over as such.

Look at the end of the day, are we not all after the same thing !! Each of us are fascinated by the subject of UFOs and the possibility of life elsewhere. Each club and society have a role to play in this, it's time to work together and not against one another.

I would like to publicly apologise to anyone that I have offended about this BUFORA issue (more so to Judith Jaafar who has done more for UFOlogy than the lot of us put together)

It's now time to work together, get our act together and bloody well behave. Let's act like UFOlogists and not kids in

the school yard.

Support British UFOlogy. Let us accept that things are not always what they seem in UFOlogy that there are other avenues to explore. Yes we can all be emotive and not all of us may have had the experiences that Ernie Sears has had, but does that make it so much different !! I 'believe' in UFOs although there isn't quite the proof that would quantify this reality. Maybe there are more things at play here. BUFORA are not a 'believers' group, never have been, that should not be the flag to wave accusations at. BUFORA do believe witnesses, but they try and ascertain the reality of the situation rather than jump on the bandwagon of belief.

I myself have to grow up over this issue and a lot of other UFOlogists have to as well.

My best wishes to all on this list and my non apologies for being a wee tad emotional on what I believe to be a very important issue. Let's respect the subject and the players.

Sincerely,

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Well, thought provoking to say the least and I partly believe in what Malcolm is saying in that ALL UFOlogists / researchers should work together to the common good. But, if you make a controversial point and put your head above the parapet, then you should expect to get your head shot at. In some cases, things should not be swept under the carpet or people should not hide behind a name. Yes, Ernie Sears, The PRO of the Southampton UFO Group 'stirred' it.. But, he was only replying to an article that appeared in the BUFORA magazine which he is a subscriber to. So, all things apart, if a member of BUFORA cannot talk their mind in public, then where is the idea of freedom of speech.

I am not here to comment on what has been said, but, BUFORA in my opinion was a dinosaur group. We very rarely see them in

National or regional press articles, very rarely on the radio and never to my knowledge on a national TV program. Group's like SUFOG are actively involved in all areas of the media with numerous TV programs to our name. When there are major TV interviews, who do the TV guys call... UFO Magazine and Graham Birdsall. I hope that with the new team leading BUFORA, there is a change of direction, but, again, if leading members of such groups (and I count myself as one), you expect flak and you will get flak when the '\*\*\*\*' hits the fan.

Over the years, I have contacted BUFORA in helping with sightings or asking for information... Nothing... BUFORA appears to be a rather 'Closed' organisation not willing to exchange information (If you go onto their web site, there is a 'Private' area for members only...) hmmm... I have asked to exchange publications in the past... Nothing... hmmm.. So, why the so cloak and dagger situation. I have tried to find out who the local researchers are for the group... Nothing... So, you can see why people are happy to have a go at BUFORA, as they don't appear on the outside to be willing to exchange information with other groups... Until BUFORA 'opens' up, then people are not going to want to know.

I personally think that BUFORA should move with the times, video their meetings/conferences, sell them and produce merchandise and reports etc that they can not only sell, but inform people of their very existence, because to be honest, BUFORA are longer at the top of the pile anymore and in my opinion have a very long way to go to get back to the top.

I have and never will have any personal gripe against BUFORA or it's leading members. But one must bare in mind that freedom of speech and not sticking ones head above the parapet will lead to a peaceful and happy existence. Come on BUFORA, you know it makes sense and come into the 21st Century with all the other UFO groups and not live in the 20th

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Century.

The sad thing to come of this, is that Brian James, who recently became the new editor of the SPI magazine has resigned. He has sighted the fact that as editor, he is being told WHAT he can publish and no longer has freedom of speech through the newsletter. The idea that he cannot 'Attack' BUFORA or any other group is an attack of his freedom of speech and he feels he can no longer be an editor if this is to happen.

So, where does SPI stand now that Malcolm has said what he has in a very public way. Surely, Malcolm can now clearly expect an attack from other UFO groups and fellow researchers as he now seems to be sitting very much on the fence, but leaning towards the BUFORA camp... Like BUFORA previously, Malcolm has put his head way above the parapet and everyone will now have a chance of shooting his head off. The S\*\*T may well and truly hit the fan again...

Steve Gerrard (SUFOG Chairman)

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**BBC Radio Solent Drive Time :**  
**Are Crop Circles Genuine ?**

This was a phone-in where you could justify why you believe crop circles are genuine and they add up the vote to see what the majority for Yes/No is and the majority was Yes.

I managed to get on the program representing the group and added a different angle to the program. They had 2 experts on the program : Busty Taylor and Isobel Brotherton from the National Farmers Union who put their reasons forward for Yes (Busty) and No (NFU). Then it was my turn to go on the program and I managed to counter some of the other listeners with answers such as crop circles are NOT just found in Wheat but in ice, snow, up trees etc, and also that the farmers (The Isobel Brotherton who was representing the National Farmers Union never mentioned this and went on about the money involved due to the damage etc) charge people between £1 - £2 to go into the formations.

It was a good program, short and sweet and at least the group got a mention. This was a 'coincidence' as Ernie would say, as SUFOG is going to Avebury this coming weekend (1st / 2nd August) for our annual skywatch / circle hunt. Who knows what we will see or what we will find, and who knows, we may find the answer to all of our questions?

**SUFOG DIARY - 2003..**

**Meetings are £3.00 for the evening.**

Aug 20th 2003 :  
Video Evening  
Open Discussion.  
**(Rendlesham Forest UFO)**

Sept 17th 2003 :  
Video Evening  
**(Roswell Interviews)**

Oct 15th 2003 :  
Video Evening  
Open Discussion.  
**(Abduction Cartoons ?)**

Nov 19th 2003 :  
Video Evening  
**(Mysterious Rods)**

Dec 17th 2003 :  
SUFOG Christmas meeting.  
Bring Christmas nibbles to share  
with other members...  
**(Video Special)**

We are planning on inviting guest speakers to our group meetings and hopefully I will be announcing one in the next newsletter. This will be a ticket event, but one hopefully you will wish to attend and support the group.

Please contact the Editor before the above dates to confirm that the Sky Watch / Meeting are still going ahead. This is because Sky Watch's are likely to be cancelled / changed due to weather conditions, and other commitments that the editor is not aware of at the time of publication of the newsletter..



### **16 August 2003 - 8.30pm - Avebury - Flying Saucer on Skywatch Night!**

A certain amount of excitement gripped various people who had been at Avebury tonight - thanks to a sighting of a 'flying saucer'. Unfortunately, this particular saucer was of terrestrial origin, and was part of an elaborate hoax to fool people visiting Avebury.

Four members of the APRA skywatch party were sitting outside the Red Lion pub, when one young man was agitatedly drawing people's attention to "something really strange up there" - leading to 20+ people making their way over the road to see what the commotion was about. We soon saw it was a disk-shaped balloon, that was unsteady on the breeze - the electric motors could already be heard.

This disk then proceeded to fly over the village of Avebury, complete with flashing LED lights on its rim - the sound of the electric motors struggling to move the sizeable helium balloon were so obvious it wasn't true! It has to be said this was larger than the commercially available saucer-balloons - being around 6-7m in diameter, and was probably built by some students somewhere for the prank, and was undoubtedly taken to its launch site over on Overton Hill in the white transit-type van that came chasing through the village a few minutes later, obviously trying to track the balloon. As it passed over Avebury, obviously they had regained more control, and set the disk spinning, while at the same time turning on a small spotlight, which was then visible every few seconds as that part of the rim came round.

To complete the prank, a 'film crew' arrived on the scene remarkable quickly, though complete with only prosumer digital camcorder gear, not anything close to broadcast quality digital. This crew then went around the Red Lion interviewing the 'witnesses' to the night's events - I wonder why they were being lead round by the same young chap who had been trying to get people's attention to the saucer in the first place... Curiously, this camera crew managed to avoid coming over to interview the APRA team until last, and obviously didn't get what they 'wanted'. Tim Field questioned how they came to be at the scene so quickly, and the two people from "CTV" were very vague, saying they were Marlborough based and had got a phone call - so they had miraculously got to Avebury within two minutes! Interestingly, when we met up with another group of people later on, we found out

that this film crew had told them they were based in Swindon, so not a very consistent story...

All in all a fairly elaborate attempt at a hoax, by people who were just a little too eager to get people involved, and to get them interviewed on camera.

**This 'flying saucer' would have only fooled those who wanted to be fooled!**

(Unfortunately I was unable to attend this sky watch as I only arrived home from an unexpected holiday at 8 p.m. on the Saturday night. Still, plans are already underway for 2004 and this will be better planned with better communication, location etc. Stay tuned !!).

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### **From Ernie Sears...**

Before Jimmy Carter became President of the United States, he and several colleagues witnessed what they believed was a UFO. He promised that if he became President, he would obtain all the information on the mysterious craft and release it to the public.

Well, that day arrived and he sent for his top Intelligence man and put the question to him. The answer he got was that he could not be given any information on the craft Who was that top official? Why, none other than George Bush SENIOR.

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Hi, Steve,  
Just had to let you know how much Phil. and I enjoyed Saturday night (SUFOG Skywatch) something almost surreal about it all !

We wondered how late the Busty and Reg party continued and did the crop circle get finished ? We were in Torquay by 9 a.m. Sunday after a drive taking less than 2 hrs. Would love to do another skywatch sometime soon. Thanks again for the hot tea - must get a new stove and kettle before next time. Best Wishes, Kay and Phil.

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There was a lot of interest from those there and the triangle UFO shots were really of interest.

Ferne showed our orb shots and further amazement was at hand. I mentioned to the owner that we were available for a show and tell evening, that I will have to check up on later.

That night we went back to Avebury and walked up through the stones to the outer bank for skywatching. We saw several moving lights and one really bright light moving slowly to the south just at sunset. I shot everything with the video camera and we took some orb pictures too. It was a really clear night and one of the best in a country that is surrounded with thick clouds most of the time. We could see the Milky Way clearly and that's when I know it is dark. On our way back through the stones back to the parking lot and the Red Lion I noticed a blue-green ball shaped light waving about on the roof of the Red Lion. It was a luminous light below the roof line and chimney base. A light about 3" wide moving back and forth below the chimney and moving and bouncing almost like someone was waving it. At first I thought it may be someone hanging out a dormer or up on the roof somehow. It went below the chimney to about halfway down the roof back and forth level motion in a random and slow speed. The light went out and then I noticed a shadow of some sort moving up the roof to the left of the chimney and over the top and disappearing down the other side. I thought this may have been someone climbing up the roof and down the other side. We were about 75 yards away at that time. As we approached the pub I looked at the roof while shielding my eyes from the lights lighting the tables in front. There were no dormers or access of any kind. There was a crowd of people there in front sitting on the picnic tables. The next day we went back and got a good look at the roof in the daylight. There are no dormers or openings of any kind here and it is a thatched roof at a 60 degree angle, very steep. Around the back there

is a couple of windows in an adjoining attached building, but no one is allowed on the roof and no ladders or access of any kind. I suppose someone could have crawled out the window and up the roof but not very likely without ropes or a portable ladder to climb with. We told a barman inside the night before right after the sighting about the observation and he was surprised to hear about it. I have gathered, later, that The Red Lion is said to be one of the most haunted buildings in Britain. It has a well inside in which a least one villager has fallen into and died and probably several more mysterious happenings over the years. Ferne says.... ' As Bill and I were walking back towards the Red Lion Pub, I saw a rectangular shape, very bright turquoise light over the top on the roof on the pub. As I was wondering what it could be prior to pointing it out to Bill, he told me about it. At first it looked as if it could be someone on the roof waving a light around, not a flashlight as it was too big and too bright and a definite vivid turquoise colour. None the less we assumed it to be someone on the roof as I saw a shadowy figure right next to the light and the 'figure' was moving. As the light disappeared in a downward direction so did the figure. I was then I realized that the roof of the pub is a steep thatch and not possible to be climbed on. On inspection of the surrounding area there were no signs whatsoever of any disturbance which would be caused by someone climbing on the roof. There was nothing to be seen around the pub that could have caused the light to shine that bright and at that angle. And certainly no way anyone could have climbed on the roof without scaffolding.'

The colour of the light was not the colour of a flashlight or the colour of a laser (red), was too large an inaccessible place. It is a mystery and possibly a spook light, the first I have seen. Anyway I wanted others to know about it.

We are going to be taking our camper to Bonsall in the Derbyshire Dales in central England Sunday to look for UFO's. Also going to Castleton to visit a cave and Blue John stone famous for its beauty. I a.m. going to be travelling to France the 17th on a high speed train (200 mph) and will see some Neolithic cave art in the Dorgogne area in south central France. This should be an excellent trip...

Bye for now..... Bill Coones





**NEWSPAPER REVIEWS**  
**BY ERNIE SEARS.**

Rather a hodge podge of items this time... an avalanche of "work" coupled with a shortage of "time" means consecutive dates have gone by the board!

**THE OBSERVER** for Sunday 6th July does a great job in itemising the article on those "Secret Papers tell how RAF hunted aliens"... no matter how you look at it, there's crunch time for debunkers etc! Already aware of this incident, it surprised me that 12 to 15 objects picked up on radar in 1956 were tracked and pursued in vain by fighters from RAFR Lakenheath for up to seven hours, objects speed logged at 4,000 mph ! Info. Released under the American Freedom of Information Act. Objects tracked for some 50 miles. Critics said "meteorites" or such. Some "manoeuvred" around fighters! Author/Investigator Dave Clarke, who says he is a sceptic, we know that thanks! The incident 'had him baffled'.

**THE DAILY MAIL** carried no less than three accounts in their Coffee Break section during July and August on correspondents who claimed to have spoken to "dead" persons. Steve Rider please note ! In 1947 the correspondent and his stepbrother had a conversation with his stepfather on the way to school. Later, in searching for the gentleman's whereabouts and history, in 1969, they discovered he'd died some

time before that encounter. While his stepmother had a 20 minute conversation with him in 1954 at Hastings seafront while in company with the correspondent. She had hysterics when she later heard he'd died years earlier. In both cases the "deceased" solid and able to converse. A Roman Catholic priest shared a train journey with another such and the latter suffered a heart attack and died in a Railway Tavern. He was expected to meet the Superior later and he was pleased to see him later and had a conversation with him in his room. Later the Superior received a telegram to say he had died several hours before the meeting. An American nurse who was quite famous for helping people to come to terms with death... had an encounter, in company with another, with a gentleman who she recognised as "deceased". All three conversed and then went to the Nurse's office where the "dead" person wrote a note to confirm it was he and signed it with his recognisable signature, then walked out and was not seen again.

**THE DAILY MAIL** of July 25th had a two pager on "GHOSTS" and DR. Wiseman (him again!) set out to prove didn't exist only in faked or misinterpreted photos, and showed samples of such, a couple of which we'd seen at group meetings. 'Sub conscious reactions of the brain to an enclosed space'... 'subtle electromagnetic fields'... 'air currents'... 'natural gases escaping from the ground'... the latter Dr. Wiseman's favourite !

**THE DAILY EXPRESS** around the same date said much the same, quoting Wiseman with 'underground faults, taking on luminous forms... most of Britain's "haunted" sites lie on fault lines'... So... how about the rest?

**SOUTHERN DAILY ECHO** in July ran a small item on it's letters page, asking a trio of people if they thought crop circles were "elaborate hoaxes" or created by aliens. All three said 'hoaxes' although one played his cards by saying 'but there's something behind it'.

**THE DAILY EXPRESS** of July 19th had a small item on Lancashire's ACCRINGTON with a scheme to spell out the name in hills above the town, al la "Hollywood". Judges in a contest to provide 1 million's (Pounds) worth of public sculptures have opted for a giant UFO type structure!

**UNKNOWN NEWSPAPER** says a planet more than three times the age of Earth has been discovered that may transform the idea of extra-terrestrial life. Thirteen Billion years old and a gas giant, and a 'big shock' to the scientists and astronomers in the USA and Canada who are studying it.

**THE DAILY MIRROR** of July 15th has the Jonathan

Cainer "Psychic Page" featuring that intricate crop circle formed in the West Country the previous week and asks 'What do YOU think?' The question being posed, was it teams of meticulous artists working long hours in darkness? Jonathan finds this harder to believe than the idea it was caused by a UFO.

**THE DAILY MAIL** of July 2nd should hang its head in shame for it's full page devoted to an American airman who claimed his battered old police car and some sticky tape was responsible for the Rendlesham "Landing" mystery. FULL of distorted claims and unbelievable errors one wonders what species of debunker or whatever "planted" that one in the Mail. Words fail me !

**THE DAILY MAIL** of July 5th showed it's other face with a two page article headed 'Is this proof we talk to the dead?' Concerning a new book, the article lists a number of claimed incidents and looks worth a buy, unless, like me, you've had enough actual encounters to convince you, long ago, that we don't actually "die", just don a new "overcoat" to suit the new dimensions we are in. I'll squeeze in the following example. Walking along a passage here only last week, on the early way to get my papers, no one about, a soft voice said, "ERNIE"! Long drawn out. I said 'who wants me?' no answer. Went back upstairs... no one about!

**Daily Mirror** for 18th Aug "REAL LIFE daily cartoon in my has a tee shirted "UFO WATCH" character saying 'Yes.. The aliens are up there somewhere'...and; 'I wonder what they are doing now?' as he and his colleague peer through their binoculars. Flash to a picture of the standard green man with antennae sticking out of his head in a "cartoon" Adamski craft gazing at Earth through HIS telescope and wearing a T-shirt bearing the words "NERD WATCH"! Who said 'TRUE?'

**THE TIMES** of recent date, On a more solemn note, has a short item under the "Daily Register" heading, referring to OBITUARIES; Editor of Flying Saucer Review who believed in an impending alien invasion Gordon Creighton. I may not have agreed with old Gordon totally but that's ONE wording that should be engraved on his tombstone!

## Missing Time Etc... Ernie Sears.

Monday the 7th July, I got up around 6.45 a.m. Nothing unusual at 79 to feel slightly lethargic. Made coffee. Took "sugar levels" DAILY 7.5. The day before it had been 6.9 no reason known. Glanced at the clock in the lounge as I then my four daily papers. 9 a.m. ! So where had those 2hrs gone? I went around checking all six clocks! All 9 a.m. Funny. I felt full of zing! Even though I hadn't had my wash and shave! Gosh! NOW my schedule was adrift! Puzzled about this all day and since. Well, maybe until next morning when my sugar level was 5.9. I'd also lost 2lb's in weight! No reason. I sat there musing over all this... a couple of quick important email's came in around 7 a.m. read them. Answered them. Got on with breakfast, papers, looked at clock, 8.20 a.m. OK. Did some more bits and pieces. Glanced at time again. 6.45 a.m.! Wow! I sat up in shock... I'd gained an hour ! Weird. 'How' I asked, mentally. That still that small voice (you know?) with 'were working on you'! I smiled 'thanks'! But pondered over it... missing time I'd had before... but GAINING an hour, no! That evening I was again tidying up papers... I acquire PILES of correspondence, articles, magazines etc and often TRY to get them sorted. A magazine article appeared...shouldn't have been in THAT pile. An excerpt from a magazine "Exceptional Human Experiences", Vol 17, No.1 2002. From Prof. Leo Sprinkle, BA and MPS, in 1952, 1956, Ph D in Counselling Psychology 1961... and the first professional academic to take on abductees in the 1980's. The Article? Why, "Gaining Time"... of course! By a lady who at 19 was driving from Austin to Dallas, Texas and left at 1 a.m. for the normally three hour trip to visit her parents. It wasn't until she had freshened up on arrival that she looked at her wristwatch... and it seemed to require slow effort and everything was magnified and she thought 'you'll never forget this moment'. The time was 2.30 a.m.

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MAGAZINE REVIEWS  
BY ERNIE SEARS.

**UFO MAGAZINES** for July and August were up to their usual standard with Britain's Beagle 2 heading for Mars and the always cryptic question being will it find life there. A dramatic article on the wartime bomber crew that were escorted by a massive "mothership" with portholes, and 'stretching to infinity', timed for three minutes before it shot ahead and was gone. The eight man British crew were told not to speak of it upon being interviewed upon landing after the 1944 encounter. Some 84 UFO sightings by 212 serving or retired policemen makes gripping reading. Dire threats to civilisation are related elsewhere in the July issue. Current events seem to confirm scenarios covered up as usual by the authorities. Much more. The August issue highlights phantom helicopters, that Rendlesham alleged (not very well!) hoax. Mont Blanc UFO photos. The orbs! Suns activities causing 'grave concern' Current USA and Canadian power outage linked? UFO Viewpoint interesting... Rendlesham again, for and against!

**New BUFORA Journal** for June... catching up gradually! Flying cylinders, Alicante

abduction, book reviews, Close encounter '73, The Montauk and Philadelphia projects. Experiences and BUFORA London lectures. One of Editor Norman Oliver's last issues. he's leaving soon.

**EYE MAGAZINE**... "For UFOlogists By UFOlogists" it says on the handy pocket-sized frontage. Editors Chris Evers and Gary Anthony. That Silpho Saucer... thought it was a "student hoax!?" EYE on groups... Brian James APRA highlighted nicely. Mary Rodwell's splendid book "Awakening" reviewed by Chris. East Yorkshire Encounters is the host group of the magazine. Try 24 Chesnut Avenue, Queens Road, Hull, East Yorkshire, HU5 2RH. Way behind its publication dates... mine is January 2003!

**RAPPORT** is the colourful magazine for the Ken Phillips Witness Support Group. It lost Ken, sadly, some time ago, but thrives and keeps alive his memory and quality publication, with Mike Rutter as Editor. It gives ours truly his own column in the bi-monthly issues... donations each issue suggested £1.50... no membership although no sceptics please. only actual experiencers. A David Icke June lecture in detail. My "toy" 4X4 vehicle quirky tale continued. Interesting coloured drawings illustrating "ET Artistry. Letters, Comments, cartoons. UFO Reports. Abductee Elsie Oakenson's column. Mary Rodwell's "Awakening" book and how ET Contact can transform your life. Examples from Mary's hypnotherapist skills. Rendlesham map and aerial photo with ex-Editor James Millen's account of a visit there. Marc Bell on HIS Rendlesham visit. New member Joanne's first skywatch at Rendlesham too! Sphere spotting over London. Back page sported that Advertiser photo and article from the Southampton Advertiser..me, Karl, and Lorna. **GLOBAL UFO Investigation Magazine**, UFOlogy Today, in a handsome plastic folder, were donated for review by group member Davina. The story being that Davina and her friend joined in 1997 and paid two subscriptions....one a repeater another issue,, that never arrived, ever! Our Editor Steve knew the whole story about this, and briefly said he organisers 'did a runner'. No doubt a saying from his civilian police job! A pretty good and high-class publication...40 pages... and the Global one 44 pages. What a great pity this turned out to be a scam. Well and profusely illustrated, crop circles, cattle mutilations, giant disc hovering over former Soviet Turkmenistan republic. UK sightings. Farmer finds all his cows dead!. Californian Underground base. Finnish anti-gravity device. Stealth "black" projects. Isle of Wight sightings! Phew! I'm only halfway through the Global mag. yet! OK...my lounge floor has vanished

under a pile of such things.

**INUFOR DIGEST** and stands for The Independent Network of UFO Researchers and THREE copies to review dating from November 2002! There are strong connections with The Victorian UFO Research Society whose own mag. SUFOG gets to review from Judith McGhee...Moir McGhee heads INUFOR whose liaison and co-operation from around Australia and New Zealand and 'many overseas countries'.

The November issue reprints "CIA's Role in the study of UFO's, 1947-1990 and 10 A3 pages. I'm not sure when Southampton's SUFOG published this one but it sure makes gripping reading and confirms researchers and experiencers of the grim cover-up that goes on in high places! !2 VUFORS sightings reports follow. The August 2002 Australian National UFO Conference comes next. Mary Rodwell was just one of several knowledgeable speakers... four and a half pages! Missing time, multiple UFO sightings, et al from all "Down Under" regions. Omar Fowler of UK's "OVNI" submitted an interesting article entitled... wait for it!.; "Alien artefacts were retrieved in 1939"! INUFOR for March 2003 and July 2003 has a super collection of gripping articles. Victorian area sightings, Holograms and UFO's, Tasmanian sightings, a 1981 Close Encounter (from Norman Oliver, New BUFORA Journal Editor although leaving that post currently and a stunning article which I just read in the June BUFORA mag) followed by more interesting Australian and worldwide items. Our own Steve Gerrard contributes his experiences with his civilian job in Hampshire (England) Police and as a former Special Constable. Several stories on file and one pretty dramatic one with a missing time element and a finally upside down police car with the policeman Steve interviewed. Lack of space.. says Steve!. means I've "pruned" these three excellent INUFOR DIGEST publications which once again demonstrate our other side of the globe colleagues get so many sightings ('like a frequent 'bus service' as one

magazine has it) that many are ignored! Contacts for INUFOR are; PO Box 783 Kogarah 2217, Australia.

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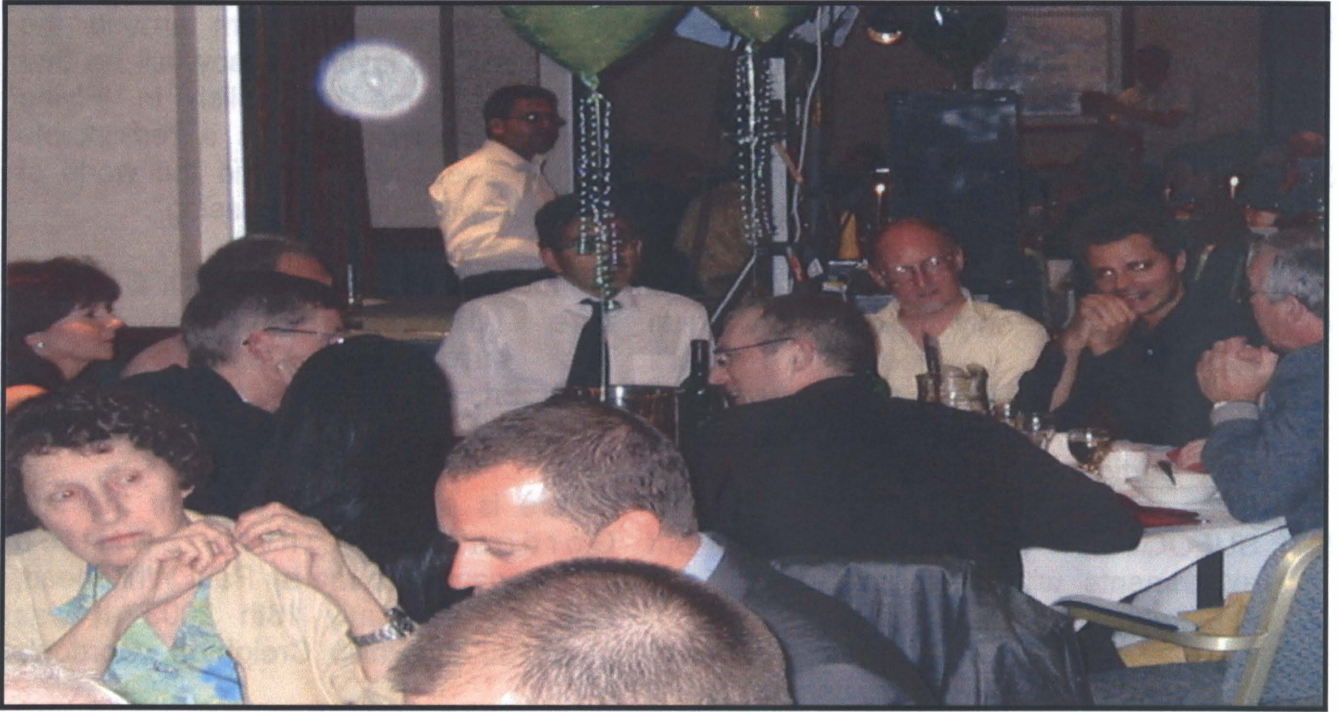
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The three hour trip had taken one and a half hours! She had gained one and a half hours! I read the rest avidly! Discussing it with her parents and family nothing solved it. Ten years later she was none the wiser except for reading others strange experiences driving around Texas. None equalled hers. A reporter surveying UFO incidents led her to Leo Sprinkle at the University of Wyoming. She assured him on a first appointment she didn't believe in UFO's or little green men or even grey men or spaceships. Leo said she was the first he'd ever known who had gained time! You can guess the rest! A total abduction experience... stopping her car that night and walking into a grassy field, up and into a "craft" via "invisible steps". Four "people" sitting at consoles with flashing lights. Not frightening. Long thin arms and legs. Hairless heads. Sloping black eyes, pale skin, nearly translucent... greenish cast. The girl is taken swiftly into space to observe Earth as a small blue and white marble. She asks "Where do we come from, all of us?" The captain points to the Earth where a glowing of particles is descending on the Earth. She understands. Of course. "We were seeded".

A quirky postscript. Another go at sorting papers hiding on chairs! A torn newspaper page holds nothing of interest... left from one that DID hold interest. But what's this? It's a "woman's" page. Headed by a subtitle in capital letters : "TIME SAVERS". You see? What great, vastly superior, enigmatic minds are being employed to raise our own before it is too late. TIME is running out.

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### Orbs of Mystery.. Or not...

The following may or may not upset one or two readers, but, here are my views on the so called mystery orbs.

Having spoken at the Leeds UFO Conference in 2002, Russel Callaghan was kind enough to send Steve Rider (SUFOG Secretary) some photographs of the event. We looked at the photos and reminisced of the great time we had, when all of a sudden, we started to see other worldly visitors in some of the photos. We scanned through them, and on some, we found anything from 10 - 30 plus orbs in some photo's. Above is a portion of one such photo, that contained some 20 'mysterious orbs'.

strange... Not really... I contacted Russel, and below is his reply...

Hi Steve.

We have many such examples of 'Orbs' captured on digital images.

Personally, I think they are an artefact of the cameras infra red focus control.

In most models of Camcorder and digital stills camera Infra red can be seen through the lens.

Try it at home with a camcorder and a TV remote, you will see the led flicker through the camera but not with the naked eye (in most cases)

I think the infra red measuring beam is illuminating dust or some other particle invisibly close to the lens' the focus is concentrating on a larger more central or distant object so the illuminated particle is now out of focus 'as you compared orbs to the Bonsall UFO image, an out of focus light source, I believe'.

I think these orbs are just that.

It is interesting though when faces seem to appear in these orbs at this time I have no idea what could cause such an effect other than pure luck.

Regards.

Russel.

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There are many questions that one must ask oneself before we take them at face value..

1. We have never seen the mystery 'globes' recorded on video camera (and before you all shoot me down, the alleged ones we have seen, in my view, are just the camcorders throwing the image so out of focus to make one think it is a globe).

2. We (or I) have not seen these objects recorded on 35mm camera film (unless someone out there can prove to me otherwise.
3. These 'orbs' are only in the image 'Afterwards' and are not seen at the time when the picture is taken (like so many very very dubious photographs)
4. Why do they only appear on digital cameras. Well, I agree with Russel's response to my e.mail and it is something to do with the camera itself illuminating dust particles or possibly insects when taken outside.
5. SUFOG is currently carrying out experiments with such camera's, 35mm camera's and video camera's.

I can understand that these mysterious 'Orb's' are classed as UFO's I.e. Identified - which they are, Flying, again, which they are, BUT Objects, I can not go along with. Dust particles or something along those lines, yes. But surely, if you have one photograph containing at least 30 of these so called orb's, then why did none of the 100 or so people at the function not see them flying around the room or for that matter the 400 people in the auditorium. There is another photograph will ALL the speakers stood on the stage, and there at least 30 'orb's in the picture. For me, the so called orb's are no longer a mysterious and are not UFO's, but should be filed in the 'dusty particle' bin.

(Remember, if you would like your say on this or anything else within the newsletter, then drop the editor a line... Steve G)

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From the Editor Of UFO Magazine (UK)

The death has been announced of Gordon Creighton, who died this morning (Wednesday, 16 July, 2003). He was aged 95. Up until his death, the former British Diplomat was Editor of 'Flying Saucer Review', one of the oldest and most respected UFO journals in the world. Graham W. Birdsall, Editor of UFO Magazine, said: "Gordon Creighton was arguably one of UFOlogy's greatest ever proponents. For the best part of 50 years, he sought out information

on the phenomenon from around the world, and his lasting legacy will be that which he came to publish in 'Flying Saucer Review'. He was a remarkable man in every respect, and the world of UFOlogy will mourn his passing".

From: Graham W. Birdsall- UFO Magazine [UK] <gwb@ufomag.co.uk>  
 To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>  
 Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2003 15:50:57 +0100  
 Subject: Gordon Creighton

Here is a brief biography of the late Gordon Creighton written and forwarded to me by Paul Whitehead, FSR Director, July 16th 2003. It was approved by Philip Creighton, Gordon's son.

Best regards,  
 Graham W. Birdsall, (Editor)  
 UFO Magazine [UK]

Gordon Creighton, who died peacefully with his family at his bedside on July 16th, was born in 1908. His first years were spent on a farm, in Hertfordshire (near where he will be buried, just outside Rickmansworth, in the cemetery where his wife, Joan, is buried).

He ran around bare foot for a few years, on the farm - with his grandfather standing in for his parents. He used to drink milk straight from cows - which is how he contracted tuberculosis. His friend died from the disease, but Gordon survived after an operation.

When he did eventually go to school (age 11?), it was discovered that he had a bent for being multilingual and academic. This combination led him to a career in the diplomatic service, with elements of the secret service thrown in.

He never learned to drive a car, as his job - which took him to Brazil and China and the US - came with chauffeur driven cars.

He had some lucky turns. He survived the very heavy shelling/bombing of Shanghai by the Japanese in the 1930s. He had to leave China, and went to Sydney. A ship that he was due to leave



on for England (but didn't) sank en route - sunk by the Germans, after WWII had started. He instead caught a boat that sailed east from Sydney, to South America. This sailed up the east coast of South America; Gordon had to disembark (in Brazil, I think) and was airlifted to the US because he was very ill. In a storm, the ship that he had been on broke up, with large or total loss of life; not surprising, the ship was in fact the front and rear sections of two other ships that had been welded together and was thus inherently weak, structurally.

Gordon worked in the UK for the UK government for some years. His interest in UFOs had been aroused in China in the 1930s, if my memory serves me, and he eventually joined Flying Saucer Review (FSR), where his multilingualism and very sharp memory were to prove very useful for many years.

I first met Gordon (and his wife) in 1984. I remember on several occasions - during (very stimulating) discussions on religion, the meaning of life, philosophies and ufology - when he would say and this is mentioned on page xxx in xxx book<sup>1</sup> - and he would go to his vast array of books and take down a book and show me the page he was referring to. Or he would refer to an obscure back issue of FSR, and show it to me.

Gordon will be remembered for his vast knowledge of philosophies and religions, and of the ufo/'flying saucer'/'alien' subject, and his sense of humour. He will be remembered by many people for his interests outside of Ufology - religion and politics, for example, and his continued interest in China - her culture, religions and politics. And he will have been pleased to know that his resting place will be so close to his beloved adopted home town of Rickmansworth in Hertfordshire.

Gordon leaves twin children - Philip and Roz. Philip will be known to readers of FSR for the work he has undertaken - and continues to undertake - for the magazine.

Gordon's funeral is at St Mary's Church, Church St, Rickmansowrth, 12.30pm, Tuesday 5th August.

### **BBC Radio Solent Curious Questions Answered, Thursday 17th July 2003.**

I was again asked to appear on the radio station to answer questions regarding the UFO subject and here are the questions :

**Dear Steve,**

**As promised here's the few questions that we've had in...**

Is there a government department in the UK that deals with UFO sighting?

Were UFO's seen prior to the 20th Century?

Where are you most likely to see a UFO?

How do sceptical people who don't believe in UFOs explain them away?

Is there a world body that would talk to aliens if they arrived?

**...As usual we'll call you up at about 8.15pm on THURSDAY. You'll be speaking to Steve Ladner (in the place of Sue). THANKS!**

**Steve**

One thing that was interesting was that the presenters father, who lived in Mouse-hole in Cornwall, was walking onto of a local hill, when a large, circular 'UFO' hovered over his head and suddenly shot off at speed. This happened over 50 years ago, and he did not report it to anyone as he didn't know who to report it to and secondly, he was concerned about being called a weirdo etc... A very good interview and hopefully it will bring about a few sightings from the woodwork.

## **ET 'Abduction' – Is This Really The Right Terminology?**

### **By Brian P James**

The term 'abduction' by either aliens or ETs has been around in UFO-lore for many years now, and probably arose after the Betty and Barney Hill UFO CE3K in 1967 – indeed this seems to have been a 'change point' from the earlier UFO CE3K's and the claims of then contactees. The term 'abduction' came into the vocabulary when witnesses started to describe (in some detail) the various medical examinations and procedures that they experienced during the encounter.

However, as other enlightened researchers have commented – notably the likes of Mary Rodwell in her excellent book *Awakening* – the term abduction is emotive and particularly these days conjures up more sinister motives. Mary, along with others, also alludes to the possibility that 'abduction' as a term is incorrect, as the witness may have been a 'willing participant' in the whole scenario. I have to admit to having some interests and indeed insights here as both an experiencer, and as what I will term an 'explorer' (rather than 'researcher'), let's consider some alternative viewpoints.

To consider the 'willing participation' element first:

It is now a good few years ago that I started to become interested in channelling, not directly as the channeller, but as a participant in a group session lead by a channeller – in this case Corinne Jeffrey. It is perhaps beyond the scope of this article to consider what outside agency was being channelled, but I am satisfied that a group/collective higher/force consciousness was on the other side of the communication.

Time and again during these group sessions, we are all reminded of the wider nature of the 'whole person' – you might like to think of this as the spirit, soul, psyche or whatever, depending on your own beliefs. This was/is all very much linked into understanding the evolution of 'the whole one-ness' through its course of past, present and future incarnate lives – and in

this we have to learn to forget our concepts of linear time! I'll try and cover this without getting too deep into such matters and just consider what I was told and its implications here for ET contact.

Part of what we were told relates to the 'evolution' of what I will term here the 'astral self' – and has much in common with eastern religions – that each incarnate existence is only part of a learning process. Before commencing each incarnate life, the 'astral self' agrees to something akin to a mission, but upon entering this mortal lifetime the physical/conscious mind of the incarnated spirit seldom remembers what had been agreed to... This relates very much to the 'abduction' situation – the regular 'monitoring' is/was part of the agreed mission. I am convinced that the vast majority of 'abductions' do not even occur at the physical level, but are on an astral/spiritual level – but this makes them no less real!

Okay, perhaps that was deep (it was meant to be!), and I hope has made you think a bit ;-). Now let's consider an analogy to put a viewpoint on what I consider the 'abduction misperception'.

Since this article is in the SUFOG newsletter, we'll consider events somewhere close to Southampton, and let's travel to Marwell Zoological Park, near Winchester. This will apply to any of the animals/creatures there, but for now we'll put ourselves in the mind of one such creature, perhaps a primate, or big cat – it doesn't matter for the purposes of this analogy. As this creature we may feel unwell or ill, or even have been injured. Now the viewpoint changes, as we note the strange humanoids are getting closer, and they are trying to separate us from the rest of our pack. We start to panic, and then suddenly we lose consciousness. Our next memory is waking up, feeling groggy, and we may not even be where we were before we lost consciousness. We have a 'hole' in our recollection and memory – does this sound familiar under another context?

Let's help this creature fill in the hole in its recollections...

The zoo's keepers and vet(s) have been concerned over the health and welfare of one of the creatures in their charge. They decide



they need to examine the creature, so they try to isolate it. It may be a nervous, large or even dangerous creature – all three cases would cause the keepers and vets to want to reduce any stress – so the vet may well tranquillise the creature. At this point the creature can be safely removed and taken away for examination and treatment. This may involve taking the creature off to the vet's surgery – a clean sterile room where a detailed examination may occur, and possibly surgery may be carried out. After this, the creature may be returned to its enclosure, or more likely it will be taken back to its sleeping quarters – but seldom will it be returned to exactly where it was taken from – where it will be looked at closely until it has regained consciousness, when it will then be left to recover. Again – does this have similarities to another context?

Remember in the above scenario, at no time did the human keepers and vets have nothing but the utmost concern for the care and well being of the animal in this whole process – there was no intent of harm whatsoever, merely concern, caring and yes even love for the creature in its time of illness, injury with its suffering and distress. Though in this scenario, if the creature were to have a conscious memory throughout, I doubt if the creature itself would perceive anything but panic and fear, and would not understand anything of the procedures being performed on it. Might we as humans not similarly misunderstand and misperceive what higher beings were doing to us - or it that doing for us?

I hope this has made you all think – we should not continue with false conceptions over 'abductions' just for the sake of it. There are always more answers to questions; we just need to look wider for more of the answers.

Date / Time reported : 4<sup>th</sup> August (Monday) at 14.30hrs

Time : P.M.

A strange light like a 1p coin held at arms length, like a shooting star moving in a slight arc. It blinked out of sight and was bluish-white, round light with no tail.

(Have tried to contact witness but without success thus report rather vague - International Space Station comes to mind - Steve Gerrard—Editor).

### **SUFOG CASE REPORT : SG/21/03**

Date : 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2003

Ref : SG/21/03

Location : Car Park at Knapp Hill, Wiltshire

Time : 02:10hrs

Witnesses : Steve Gerrard, Steve Rider, Mark Hilton and female by the name of Jacqueline.

Whilst on the annual SUFOG group skywatch, we had a wonderfully clear sky and suddenly this very bright blue/white (The size of a pea) appeared in the sky and stood out from anything else in the sky. It moved upwards and started to fade slightly getting smaller and smaller (As if going out into deep space) until it was a faint point of white light and suddenly, it disappeared.

(Unable to come up with a rational explanation, but certainly this was a phenomenon witnessed by 4 independent people who had not touched a drop of alcohol... Steve Gerrard).

### **SUFOG Case Report : SG/20/03**

Date : 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2003

Ref : SG/20/03

Location : West End, Southampton

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## Avebury 2003 - SUFOG Skywatch.

Steve Rider and I hit the road at around 10 a.m. and arrived at the Barge at Alton Barnes, around 11.45 a.m. We were met by group members Mark Hilton and Kevin Nicklen and retired to the pub for lunch. After soaking up the sun and no one else had arrived by 1.45 p.m. we headed off towards Silbury Hill. We arrived at Silbury and went up to the West Kennett Long Barrow, having only seen 2 crop circle formations on the way. I took a couple of photo's of Steve R in the Barrow, and out of the 4 photos, the 2 middle ones, had mysterious 'Orbs' on them, but not on the other two pictures. We headed off towards Avebury around 3 p.m. We all went our separate ways (Bad idea in the end !!!) around Avebury. It was wonderful weather and Steve R and I decided to check out an old formation

on the hill opposite the Red Lion (Which thankfully was open after re-decorations) and we were joined by Mark. We walked back into the Avebury stones and sat on the earth mound in the shade enjoying the weather. By now, we had not seen any other SUFOG members and decided that we were to be the merry band of 4. We retired to the Red Lion at around 6 p.m. and waited for the flood of SUFOG members... Hmm.. We left around 7 p.m. still the merry band of 4. We went out into the car park and woke Kevin up and said we are moving off to the skywatch site. We left in column, but, suddenly a tractor got between us and Kevin and we went one way and Kevin went the other !!! Oh S\*\*T. We carried on and stopped at the end of the road where both roads would meet up... No sign of Kevin. We headed to the skywatch site in the knowledge Kevin new where we were going. Around 8.30 p.m., we were watching the road, then suddenly Kevin went pass the site. We waved and flashed, but Kevin went on. We decided he was going to the Barge in Alton Barnes and he would ask directions.. That was the last we saw of Kevin !!!!

At around 10.15 p.m. a total of 6 cars turned into the car park and Busty Taylor and Reg Presley climbed out of their respective cars. They had been planning a skywatch at the same site for a number of weeks.

During the night we were able to see the International Space Station glide over our heads, a large number of satellites and shooting stars and our UFO sightings (see page 19). The Busty Taylor group was rather loud for around 2.5hrs and the wine was flowing and thank goodness they did not join us.

Steve Rider around 3 a.m. decided to sit in MY car and mark sat in HIS car. And as for me, in a deckchair wrapped up in a blanket with the temperature at around 7 - 8 degrees !! A truly dedicated skywatcher saw the sun rise around 4.30 a.m. (Mind you, Steve Rider said he heard some strange noises outside of the car during the very early hours).

This was a great weekend, and I apologise to Kevin as I had my mobile phone switched off (unknown to me and so he couldn't get hold of us).